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18 July 1968

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Section I (Approval of Minutes, Briefings, and Reports on Operations)

Approval of Minutes

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1. COMIREX-M-42 minutes were approved with the following changes:

Page 16, paragraph 4, the 9th line after "In conclusion," insert "COMIREX approved that COMIREX-D-31.4/13 through 17 be forwarded for action. The Chairman also agreed that it was most important...".

Page 17, paragraph 6, line 5--change "agree" to "argue".

Operational Briefing--Satellite

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2. [redacted] submitted the satellite operations schedule as of 18 July as follows:



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1104 - Scheduled 7 August 1968

Estimated recovery 1st bucket (8 days) - 16 August 1968,
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Estimated recovery 2nd bucket (7 days) - 23 August 1968,
0030Z

Film processing/distribution

Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak -
16 August, 1800Z

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D. C. area -
19 August, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D. C. area -
20 August, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak -
23 August, 1800Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D. C. area -
26 August, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D. C. area -
27 August, 1600Z

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Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 2.95 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 2,400

2nd bucket - Land area - 2.95 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 2,400

1048 - Scheduled 18 September 1968

Estimated recovery 1st bucket (8 days) - 27 September,
0030Z

Estimated recovery 2nd bucket (8 days) - 5 October,
0030Z

Film processing/distribution:

Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak -
27 September, 1800Z

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D. C. area -
30 September, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D. C. area -
1 October, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak -
5 October, 1800Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D. C. area -
8 October, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D. C. area -
9 October, 1600Z

Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 4.15 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 3,000

2nd bucket - Land area - 4.15 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 3,000

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Report on Aircraft Activities--Far East

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3. [] confirmed the continued
standdown of [] and IDEALIST/TACKLE operations.
Mr. Hughes then reported GIANT SCALE activities between
12 and 18 July as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Area/Targets</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12 July	GS37	Vinh AF/Vinh Ben Thuy Port Fac/Hwy Rt 1A/Hwy Rt 101/Hwy Rt 15/Hwy Rt 74/ RR Rt 6	Fair
18 July	GS38	Hwy Rt 1A, Rt 101 Hanoi area/ Haiphong area/Lao Cai Complex/Kien An, Kep Afld, Rt 10, RR Rt 9	Unknown

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4. [] reported five successful []
missions between 12 and 18 July. Details are given below:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Area/Targets</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12 July	Q714	Cat Bi Afld/Haiphong Nav Base and RR Station/Hai Duong - Haiphong RR and Hwy Segments of Hwy 5 and RR 3 from 2056N10621E to 2052N10639E	Successful, MARS
13 July	Q712	Nam Dinh - Thanh Hoa RR, Nam Dinh TPP, Ninh Binh RR Bridge, Thanh Hoa Trans- shipment Pt	Successful, MARS
14 July	Q702	Vinh to Thanh Hoa RR	Successful, MARS

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Area/Targets</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
18 July	Q715	Thanh Hoa Transshipment Pt, Thanh Hoa RR Bypass; Bai Thuong Afld	Successful, MARS
18 July	Q224	Hwy Rt 10, Haiphong - Vinh Binh Hwy Rt 1 and RR Nam Dinh - DMZ Thanh Hoa RR Bypass; Thanh Hoa Trans- shipment Pt, Thanh Hoa RR Ferry	Successful, MARS

Recovered - 5

Lost - 0

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5. reported efforts to satisfy two priority South China/North Vietnam requirements as follows:

a. Coverage of Lines of Communications (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 142. For the period 11 July-17 July 1968, no surveillance coverage was reported.

b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967 and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967). The area coverage reported obtained between 11 July-17 July 1968 consisted of three GIANT SCALE and five missions. The coverage is shown on the grid map at Tab B. No SSM activity was observed.

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Report on Aircraft Activities--Cuba (S)

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6. reported missions between 12 and 18 July as follows:

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DateMission No.Results

13 July

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Net coverage 21.0%

Cumulative coverage 91.5%

17 July

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Unknown at this time

RECAPDateMission No.NetCumulative

13 July

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21.0%

91.5%

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7. [REDACTED] advised that for the 56-day period beginning 23 May 1968, seven [REDACTED] missions were flown over Cuba and provided 94% coverage of the area. During this period 143 of the 148 targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the most recent mission.

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Section II (NPIC Report)

Mission Highlights

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1. [REDACTED] reported highlights of recent coverage of North Vietnam as follows:

- a. A probable new second runway appears to be under construction at Kep airfield.
- b. Efforts are continuing to repair the Haiphong cement plant.

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Section III (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

Report from Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] reported the status of the CORONA Intelligence Search Requirement through Mission 1047 is as follows:

Built-up Areas 71. 0%

Underdeveloped Areas 67. 8%

Report from Exploitation Research & Development Subcommittee (S)

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2. [REDACTED] reported that his Subcommittee has already followed up on the request of the Chairman to round up further information on dry film processing activities and would submit a paper to the Chairman in the near future.

Report from Data Base Working Group

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3. [REDACTED] reported that

a. The approved third-phase format will be published early in August.

b. A time-phase schedule is being worked out for implementation of the Installation Data File portion of the NBIDI (a copy of this is provided at Tab A). The important point in considering the schedule is that although the new system will not be fully operational until January 1970 the effect of the transition will be felt in October 1968. In the November 1968-May 1969 period the target brief file will initiate operation and inputs will be put in the new format.

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4. The Chairman observed that his study of the results still persuaded him that the system is operating satisfactorily and that NRO is shooting at our requirements. It must be concluded, therefore, that if the CCRP is falling behind the curve it is the fault of COMIREX. [REDACTED] then identified the preponderance of so-called current intelligence targets, with priorities permitting CCRP objectives to be overridden, as one fairly obvious practice to blame for the delinquency. The Chairman instructed ICRS, therefore, to accord priority to a study of how to approach more effective targeting, and in the meantime, [REDACTED] specified that the next mission be programmed to accord priority to CCRP, that the number of top priority current intelligence requirements calling for priority overrides be limited.

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5.

[REDACTED], and [REDACTED] explored varying interpretations of the results, provided several explanations for deficiencies that might result from the present CMR approach to guidance, and offered a sufficient number of suggestions as to approaches to confirm the conclusion reached by the Chairman that ICRS needs to study the whole problem in some detail. [REDACTED] thanked all for their contributions, again enjoined ICRS to pay particular attention to the CCRP in its guidance to NRO [REDACTED] and proposed that the subject be restored to the agenda as soon as definitive recommendations are at hand.

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Section V (Status of Recent COMIREX Papers)Overhead Imagery Reconnaissance of North Vietnam During a Truce (COMIREX-D-25.3/4) (TS)

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1. [redacted] introduced consideration of the paper by showing charts illustrating coverage problems. These were broken down according to collection capabilities and frequency of coverage. They illustrated the extent to which requirements went unfulfilled and the considerable impact of weather on collection. Some of the points made in the previous week, especially with regard to paragraph seven, were again discussed. It was agreed that the Office of the Chairman, COMIREX would compose a new paragraph seven and check it with the Department of State, Department of Defense, and Central Intelligence Agency members before forwarding the paper to USIB /forwarded as COMIREX-D-25.3/5/.

Revised Requirements for Satellite Photography for Mapping and Charting (COMIREX-D-15.2/10) [redacted]

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2. In discussing the new draft of the paper discussed last week, it was generally agreed that the primary objective was to provide a clarification of the mapping and charting requirement for [redacted]. It was noted that the statement of mapping and charting requirements, as related to [redacted] had been in error owing to misunderstandings, some of which the Chairman had outlined to members the week before.

3. Further confirmation of the need to confine this paper to a clarification, as opposed to a recommendation, was provided by guidance received at the meeting on what might be the future mapping and charting role of USIB provided by Admiral Taylor. A memorandum on the subject, from the Deputy Director, was read to COMIREX. /This was later distributed to principals as COMIREX-D-15.1/1.7 /A paper including agreed changes was forwarded to USIB as COMIREX-D-15.2/11.7/

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Section VI (Other Business)

Handling of Information Prepared for the National Intelligence Resources Board (NIRB) (T-KH)

1. The Chairman advised COMIREX that the fact its "Assessment of the Intelligence Gain Provided by [REDACTED] KH-4 [REDACTED] (COMIREX-D-11.1/2) had received full COMIREX dissemination had raised some questions in the Office of the Chairman, NIRB. [REDACTED] noted that there is no line relationship of COMIREX to USIB through NIRB and that work done for NIRB is done uniquely for that office. Dissemination of papers would be made only in agreement with Admiral Taylor. As a first step a separate COMIREX series will be established for such papers and at the time that the next paper is prepared for NIRB details on dissemination will be worked out between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Admiral Taylor's office.

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Addenda to Basic Support Exploitation Assignment Papers (COMIREX-D-31.4 Series) (S)

2. The Executive Secretary reported that two types of addenda had recently been referred to COMIREX for action. One was a list of targets inadvertently omitted from COMIREX-D-31.4/5 when it was sent out. The second represented additions to the target list and, in effect, additional assignments. COMIREX agreed that any addendum of the first type, correcting an error, should be sent directly from [REDACTED] office without reference to COMIREX. Additions to target lists and other changes in assignments should be referred to COMIREX.

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SCHEDULE FOR OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NBIDI-IDF

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JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN					
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OLD SYSTEM (NPIC)								HISTORICAL					
NO CHANGE CURRENT TARGET BRIEF FILE AS OPERATED INDEPENDENTLY BY NPIC		INITIATE OPERATION OF THE OLD TBF SYSTEM AS NBIDI-IDF INPUTS IN NEW FORMAT BEGIN TO OPERATE UNDER THE SERVICE CENTER CONCEPT						INITIATE LIMITED PARALLEL OPERATION OF OLD AND NEW SYSTEMS EVALUATE/ REFINE OPERATING PROCEDURES					

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NEW SYSTEM (NPIC)	PUBLICATION OF FORMATS FOR DATA BASE EXCHANGE	DISSEMINATION OF PRELIMINARY DETAILED MANUAL FOR DATA QUERY AND OUTPUT FOR NEW SYSTEM	TEST DATA IN NEW SYSTEM FOR DATA BASE EXCHANGE	TEST NEW SYSTEM FOR DATA BASE MAINTENANCE	FINAL MANUAL ON QUERY AND OUTPUT CAPABILITIES NEW IDF SYSTEM
DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM LANGUAGE	PROGRAM CODING	SOFTWARE (PROGRAM) CHECKOUT AND TESTING OF PROGRAMS	TEST QUERY AND OUTPUT CAPABILITIES OF NEW SYSTEM	OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TEST OF NEW SYSTEM	FULLY OPERATIONAL

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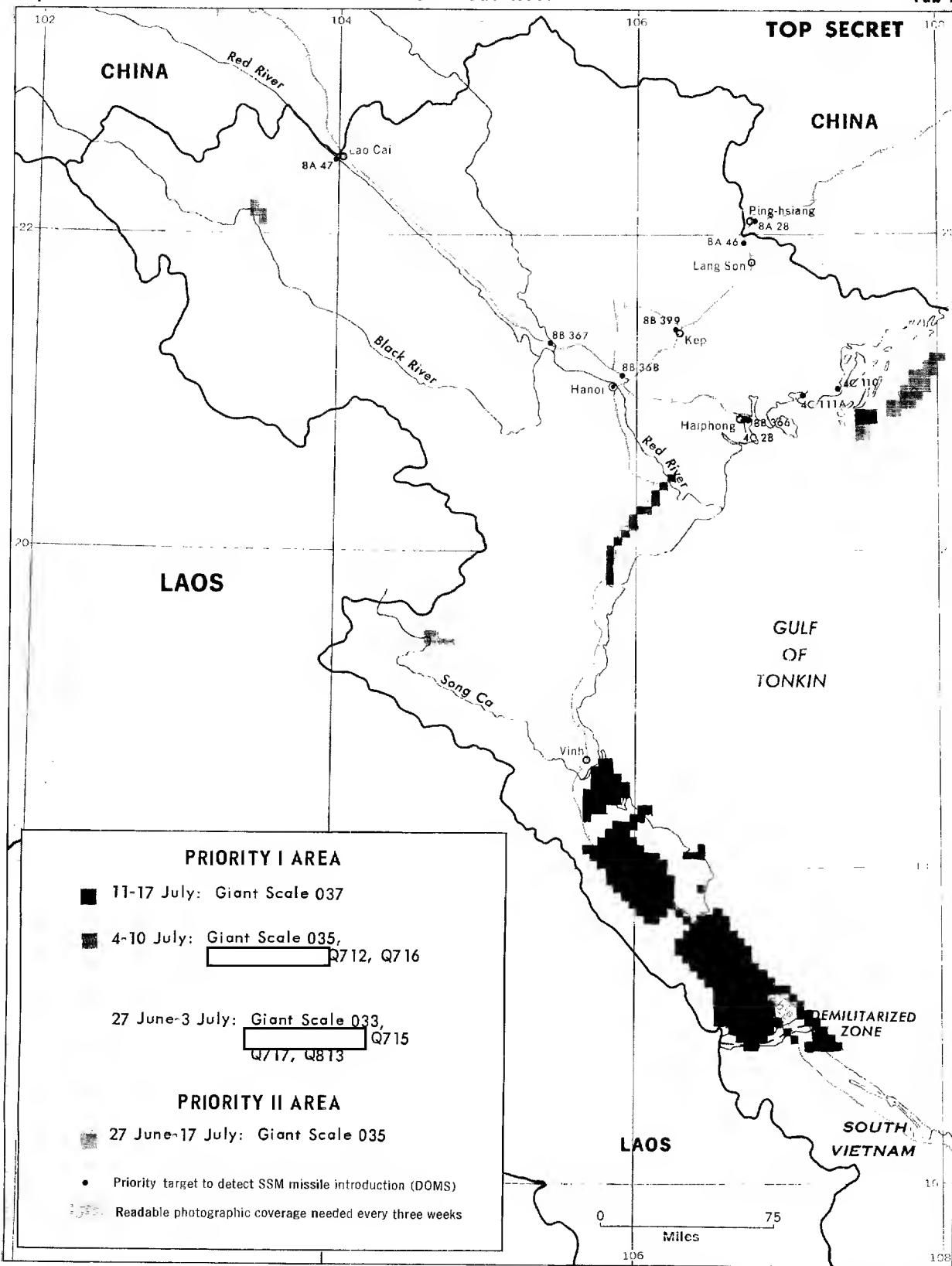
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Coverage of North Vietnam

Reported 27 June-17 July 1968 (80% or more cloud-free)

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